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Peru – Earthquake

Fact Sheet #2, Fiscal Year (FY) 2007

August 21, 2007

Note: The last fact sheet was dated August 17, 2007.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- Aftershocks continued for six days following the magnitude 8.0 earthquake that struck off the coast of Peru on August 15. The epicenter of the earthquake was located near the town of Chincha Alta, 100 miles south-southeast of Lima.
- Emergency assistance continues to arrive in the affected areas via an air bridge connecting Pisco to Lima, as the Pan American highway is damaged. The road is being rehabilitated and remains passable to some light 4x4 vehicles, according to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).
- On August 19, USAID/OFDA airlifted relief commodities, including four 10,000-liter water bladders; 7,800 10-liter water containers; and 500 body bags. The airlift also included an office support module for the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team. The total value of all the commodities including transport is more than \$290,000.
- On August 21, USAID/OFDA called forward 15,000 blankets in response to priority needs in the affected areas. The blankets are scheduled to arrive on August 22. The value of this shipment, including transport, is \$199,250.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE*		SOURCE	
Total Affected Population	503 killed, 1,042 injured, 40,307 families affected	INDECI ¹ , August 21, 2007	
Houses Destroyed	35,568 homes	INDECI, August 21, 2007	
Houses Damaged	4,265 homes	INDECI, August 21, 2007	

^{*}Based on preliminary estimates. Assessments to determine precise damage and affected population figures are ongoing.

FY 2007 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Peru	\$1,288,818
Total USAID Humanitarian Assistance to Peru	\$1,288,818
Total Department of Defense Humanitarian Assistance to Peru	\$600,000
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to Peru	\$1.888.818

CURRENT SITUATION

- In the most affected area of Pisco, an estimated 85 percent of housing structures and buildings in the downtown area have been destroyed, according to INDECI. Most of the destroyed houses were made of adobe bricks. The earthquake also damaged the city's water, sewer, electricity, and garbage collection systems. Water is being supplied in tankers at 14 established distribution centers while the Government of Peru (GOP) works to reestablish water service to the city. The GOP has set up two field hospitals in Pisco. The earthquake destroyed the local hospital and four health centers.
- In Ica, the earthquake damaged or destroyed an estimated 40 percent of the city's downtown area, particularly affecting poor neighborhoods and adobe houses. The GOP has re-established water services to 75 percent of the population; the remaining 25 percent are being supplied with tankers, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).
- INDECI has established shelter and distribution centers in Pisco and Chincha, according to OCHA. The centers will distribute food, medicines, shelter materials, and water to affected residents.

Emergency Needs

According to the USAID assessment team, Chincha and Cañete are not receiving relief supplies at the same level as Ica and Pisco, which were more severely damaged. The USAID emergency team visited Chincha and Cañete on August 20 and based on assessments has prioritized response efforts in Chincha, which suffered widespread damage. Primary needs are blankets and temporary shelter. Cañete, specifically Lunahuana and Kilmana, is also determined to have priority needs. Water has been largely restored in Cañete, but blankets and shelter are needed.

¹ Peruvian National Institute of Civil Defense (INDECI)

- According to IFRC, although there is still a need for comprehensive and reliable damage data, sewage is an increasing problem, especially as so many affected residents are living outdoors.
- GOP priority requests remain water (as well as containers and purification tablets), shelter (tents and plastic sheeting), beds, blankets, food, electrical generators, and tools and heavy lifting equipment for debris removal. The GOP has started a temporary employment program for debris removal.
- Peruvian companies, municipalities, and private citizens have made significant contributions to relief efforts.
 Peruvian private sector companies, including banks, mines, oil and gas, and exporting associations, have sent relief items and provided heavy machinery to lift and remove debris.
- The U.N. World Food Program has distributed 500 metric tons (MT) of food in the affected area and is flying in an additional 100 MT from regional stocks in Ecuador.
- The U.N. World Health Organization has stated that there is no need for additional teams of doctors.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- Following the August 16 U.S. Ambassador's disaster declaration for Peru, and within 16 hours of the earthquake, the U.S. Embassy in Lima deployed a team that included representatives from the Department of State, USAID/Peru, USAID/OFDA, and the Department of Defense (DOD)'s Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG). In total, more than 50 USG personnel have been in the affected areas, conducting assessments, coordinating with the GOP, providing emergency medical treatment and relief supplies, and assisting American citizens.
- The initial \$100,000 provided by USAID/OFDA through USAID/Peru for the Peruvian Red Cross has been used to purchase relief commodities, including 1,000 blankets, 2,000 ten-liter water containers, 450 tents, and plastic sheeting. To date, the Peruvian Red Cross has distributed 525 blankets and 180 ten-liter water containers in Paracas, 450 blankets and 75 tents in San Andres, and 500 blankets and 50 tents in Los Molinos, Pisco District. In addition, 3,000 blankets, 500 10-liter water containers, and 60 tents were distributed in Los Molinos, Ica District.
- In addition to financial assistance, USAID/OFDA has flown in the following emergency relief commodities:
 - Four 10,000-liter water bladders
 - o 7,800 ten-liter water containers
 - o 500 body bags
- On August 21, USAID/OFDA called forward 15,000 blankets in response to priority needs in the affected areas. The blankets are scheduled to arrive on August 22. The total value of this shipment, including transport, is \$199,250.
- On August 21, USAID/OFDA provided \$500,000 to support shelter, water, and other emergency activities through humanitarian organizations.
- USAID/OFDA is also supporting the UNDAC team through the provision and transport of an office support module.
- USAID/OFDA's six-person emergency team continues to assess damages, identify needs, and deliver emergency assistance, in collaboration with USAID/Peru, the U.S. embassy, and MAAG.
- To date, DOD has provided approximately \$600,000 in technical and financial assistance in response to the earthquake. DOD medical teams are providing critical health services in the affected areas as well supplies and air support.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PERU

Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount		
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE ¹					
USAID/Peru	Local Procurement of Emergency Relief Supplies	Ica Department	\$300,000		
USAID/Peru	Emergency Relief Activities (including shelter and water)	Ica Department	\$500,000		
Various	Emergency Relief Supplies from USAID/OFDA's Miami Warehouse	Ica Department	\$268,260		
Various	Transport of Emergency Relief Supplies from Miami to Lima	Ica Department	\$220,558		
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$1,288,818		
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PERU IN FY 2007			\$1,288,818		
	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ASSISTA	NCE			
	U.S. medical team of eight doctors and ten medical students from the Naval Medical Research Center Detachment (NMRCD) with a portable laboratory				
	Local procurement of medical and other relief supplies through NMRCD				
	27-member Field Surgical Team				
	13-person Medical Readiness Exercise Team and supplies				
	Surgical operating room package and medical supplies and a C-130 plane to transport relief supplies and affected residents				
TOTAL DOD			\$600,000		
TOTAL DOD HUMAN	NITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PERU IN FY 2007		\$600,000		

TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO PERU IN FY 2007	\$1,888,818
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USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of August 21, 2007

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for their earthquake response efforts in Peru can be found in the "How Can I Help" section of http://www.usaid.gov/locations/latin_america_caribbean/perueq/ or by calling the Center for International Disaster Information (CIDI) at 703-276-1914. USAID encourages cash donations because they: allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information on making donations and volunteering services can be found at:
 - o USAID: www.usaid.gov Keyword: Peru
 - o The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or (703) 276-1914
 - o InterAction: www.interaction.org **>** "Guide to Appropriate Giving"
 - o Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int.